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A group of international students take a break from sledding to pose for a picture over winter break.

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UMD students and faculty gather in the Kirby Lounge to watch Barack Obama's inauguration on Tuesday.

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The Kirby Lounge packed during Barack Obama's inauguration.

## UMD watched history in the making

BY SARA JOCHEMS  
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Tuesday, Jan. 20 2009 might forever be remembered as a day of change. In front of millions on the west side of the Washington D.C. capitol, Barack Hussein Obama was sworn in as the first African American president of the United States.

Students gathered in a jam-packed Kirby Lounge. They constituted as a minute part of the millions. As those who were able to be in Washington D.C. stood, cheered and cried, UMD students stood, cheered and cried.

For sophomore Kaio Keolohapauole being in the lounge and watching the inauguration was itself history.

"I am really excited to see this record being made," Keolohapauole said. "I get to see this with my own eyes and actually watch it happen."

Sophomore and friend of Keolohapauole, Jon Franklin had similar feelings about the inauguration.

"Obviously this moment is important for cultural reasons," Franklin said. "There is also a swing back to the Democratic party. This is a big change, and it is what we needed."

Besides the excitement, some students



were not quite able to grasp the fact that Obama is now president of the United States.

Freshman Kenya Carroll put that moment in one simple word, beautiful.

"It is not sinking in yet," Carroll said. "This is unbelievable. I mean, we grew up listening to people saying, 'it's not going to happen; it's not going to happen,' and now we have our first black president."

Sophomore Patience Dolo described the inauguration as incredible.

"The day has finally come," Dolo said. "I have this big feeling of hope. I cannot wait to see what he has to offer."

## UMD student unemployment doesn't seem evident



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Junior Rachel Brewster checks out a student at the UMD Store on the second floor of Kirby.

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The state of Minnesota is experiencing the highest unemployment rate since 1993 with a rate of 6 percent, according to the Department of Employment and Economic Development.

Although Duluth is struggling even more with an unemployment rate of 6.5 percent, UMD has been able to maintain a steady employment rate for undergraduates.

According to the Associate Director of Human Resources Mary Cameron, in the 2008-2009 school year, UMD has placed 2,465 students into jobs both on and off campus. A number that is consistent to previous years.

Although most on-campus employers would prefer work-study students, UMD caters to non-work-study students.

"Every student that wants to work, I would like to see get a job," Cameron said.

However, it often doesn't work out where every student who wants a job finds employment, Cameron said. Students being busy; freshmen becoming familiar the

campus or being too critical of the jobs they want to work, are all reason students often do not find a job.

Cameron said it's often about the effort the student will make to find work.

"I have an open door. I'll sit with them and go through jobs online. I'll make a call if I can," she said.

UMD currently has a student-friendly employment Web site that allows students to browse through job listings of both on- and off-campus jobs. The Web site offers jobs for work-study students and any other students who may not be eligible for a work-study position.

Junior Heidi Nilsen has worked at the UMD Stores for over a year. She said she didn't have a problem finding a job on campus.

"I just applied online. They called me in for an interview," Nilsen said.

Along with the student employment Web site, students can look at Career Services to help find employment and also for job-seeking advice.

Goldpass, a free service through Career Services, gives students the

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opportunity to post a résumé, view and search job, internship and volunteer listings, register for career fairs and schedule interview according to Mary Gallet, employer relations coordinator at Career Services.

"Their résumé will be viewable to registered companies," Gallet said. She estimated that there are 3,000 employers registered with Goldpass.

For students looking for work after graduation, the U of M Job and Internship Fair is a good place to start, Gallet said.

The job fair is expected to see a good turn out from students and employers in part because of the struggling economy.

"We had two job fairs in the fall. It was the highest attendance both by employers and by students," Gallet said.

The job fair is held Feb. 3 and 4 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Students interested in attending can sign up at career services with a \$10 refundable deposit. UMD will be providing a free bus ride to and from the job fair.

For more information, go to Career Services located in Solon Campus Center, Room 22 or online at [www.careers.d.umn.edu](http://www.careers.d.umn.edu).

## A reminder for women to get checked

BY SARA JOCHEMS  
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Women around the world should make sure to get their annual checkups with the Pap test in order to be ahead of the game.

January is national cervical health awareness month and according to the Henry and Stark County Health Department press release, the 2008 statistics were devastating.

The Jan. 15, 2009 release stated that last year 11,070 women were diagnosed with cervical cancer and of those, 3,890 died.

Early detections of the disease significantly increase the chances of survival, according to the press release. In fact, if discovered, it is nearly 100 percent curable.

Groups have been formed to raise awareness. One such group pertains to those who are battling the disease. They are known as the

National Cervical Cancer Coalition.

According to their Web site, they were founded in 1996 and are a growing coalition of people battling cervical cancer.

Their coalition includes women, family members, friends and caregivers as well as laboratorians, cancer researchers, hospitals organizations providing cervical cancer detection programs, women's groups and others.

Their goal is to provide a safe and educational place for women to go that have or had cervical cancer and Human Papillomavirus (HPV).

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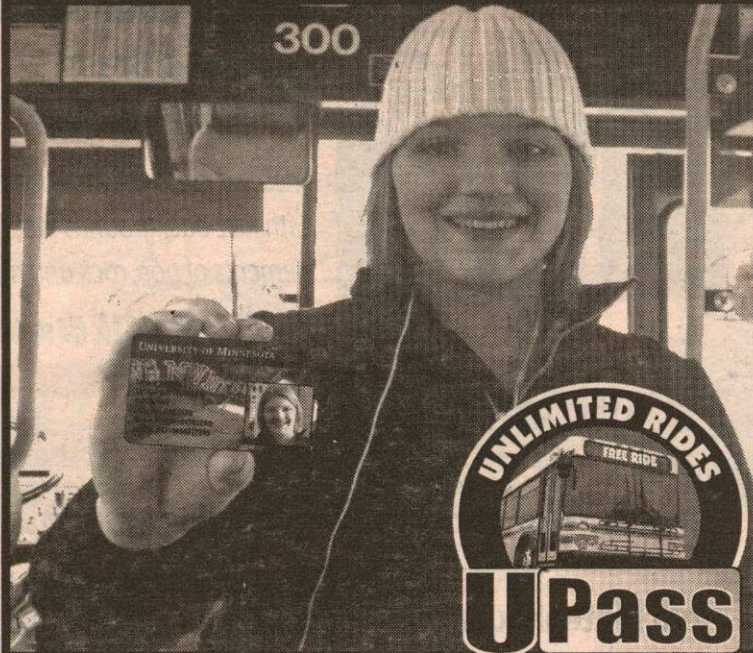
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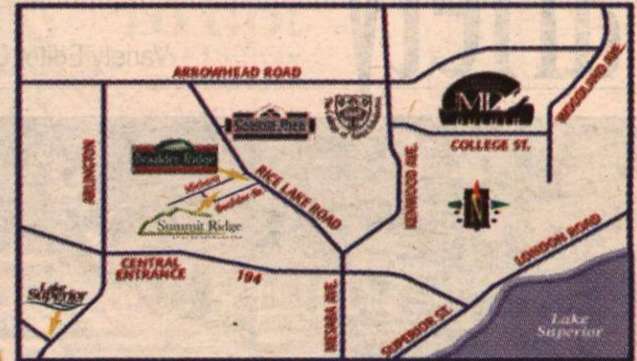
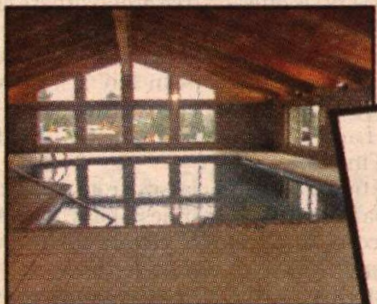
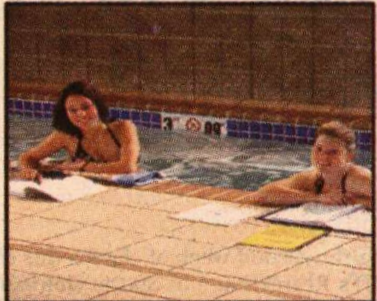
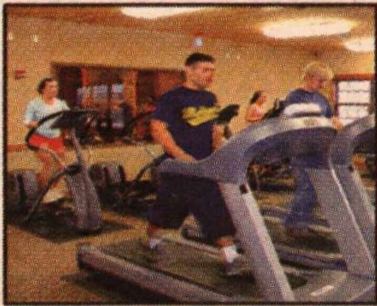
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A group of international students enjoy an afternoon of sledding during the winter break.

## International students holiday at UMD

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During the holiday break, most students went back to their hometowns to see family and friends over the holidays, relax and enjoy the comforts of home. But, UMD became the home to hundreds of international students who stayed on campus over the break.

With over 200 international students housed at UMD year-around, many of these students haven't been home since they first arrived.

Their home countries range from India to Kenya and China to Vietnam, according to Karin Robbins, the international student advisor.

So while many didn't spend their winter break at home, they weren't alone either.

From ice-skating and snowshoeing to potlucks with traditional foods, the students kept busy by going to events hosted by the international students office and

hanging out with friends.

"There are a lot of people who can't ski, but we had professionals from the community to help us," Alex Ganenco said. Ganenco, from Moldova, helped to organize the events over the break.

Students like junior Yang Wang and graduate student Qingzhao Wang from China got to experience a game of curling at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC). This was Yang Wang's first try at the game.

"I think they bring us close together," freshman Maenisa Tan-atichat said about the hosted events over the break. Tan-atichat is from Thailand.

Besides taking a break from studies, the students also brought some traditional celebrations from their homes to UMD.

Some of these customs include dinners to Chinese New Year.

"Chinese New Year is the biggest festival in China," said Qingzhao Wang. "At home we don't dress up, but here, in America, we

wear costumes."

Wang said the Chinese New Year celebration will be taking place Jan. 25 in the UMD Ballroom, and tickets are being sold to the first 150 students.

The event will have food from local Chinese restaurants with singing and dancing by Chinese students.

Ganenco explained that in the Moldova, Christmas is celebrated on Jan. 7.

"We have a get together with Moldovan people and celebrate," Ganenco said. A fancy meal of traditional food is shared and back home gifts are given.

Over the break, Health Services invited students who came from as many as 16 different countries to an ethnic foods potluck. Dishes included traditional salads, pork and chicken dishes and sushi, according to Robbins.

Crammed around a table in the International Club room, the students were asked

## RSOP fitness classes begin next week

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During the second week of classes this semester, UMD's Recreation and Sports Outdoor Program (RSOP) is offering free group fitness classes for students to test drive.

"Anyone—including students, staff and members of the community—can buy a fitness pass and come to the fitness classes each week," said Ranae Lantry, a fitness instructor for RSOP Group Fitness.

After trying out the classes from Jan. 26-30, participants can buy a fitness pass that allows them access to all fitness classes for the whole semester.

Registering for the classes is unnecessary, so students can go to the class that best fits their schedule and skill level. There are a variety of classes offered, with a range in experience and focus.

"All levels are welcome," said Amber Olson, student leader of the UMD fitness team. "We have classes that tone, shape and stretch your body; whether it's cardio step or a toning, we have a class that fits anyone's fitness level."

There are 39 classes available each week, according to Lantry.

"We offer yoga, toning, spinning, Pilates, pump and tone, stretch, aqua fit and more," Olson said. "Our facilities are up to date with special flooring to minimize impact and injury as well as state-of-the-art sound systems to accommodate our group fitness classes and aerobic programming."

The instructors are also prepared for any level of experience, trained to handle beginners and veterans.

"All of the trainers are nationally certified and highly motivated," Olson said.

There are also instructor-training classes available for anyone interested in becoming a trainer. According to Olson, they will be offered the weekends of Feb. 22, March 1 and March 8, with the test on March 28.

The schedule for the weekly classes will be posted on the RSOP Web site, [www.umdrsop.org](http://www.umdrsop.org), by the first week of classes, and more information can be found at the RSOP welcome desk.

"We encourage everyone to try our classes; it's an inexpensive and motivating way to stay in shape!" Olson said. "Everyone should also look



# Erik Brandt and the Urban Hillbilly Quartet for another round in Duluth

BY EMMA FROMBERG  
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The last time Erik Brandt and the Urban Hillbilly Quartet (UHQ) played in Duluth, they set up on the back of a semitruck at a street festival. The group's next gig may not be as spontaneous, but Brandt promises a good time for all that show up.

This weekend, Carmody Irish Pub will be hosting Brandt and the UHQ for the first time.

He plans on playing pieces from his new solo album, "Sometimes," and also bringing back some of the band's covers and songs from his first solo album, "Green Eyed Alone."

The band will be bringing their

unique mix of instruments, including a mandolin and an electric guitar.

The album, "Sometimes" is a new feel for Brandt because he said they are tuning down their usual rock sound.

"It's more of a blue-grassy thing," Brandt said. "And it'll be fun." Recorded in Budapest, Hungary, it includes a song about his immigrant great-grandfather's life, "The Ballad of János Sinkó."

The voice and leader of the UHQ, Brandt also teaches English and journalism at Harding High School in St. Paul, Minn.

UHQ has been together since 1995, recorded eight albums and won a MN Music Award. The six members of the group blend un-

usual instruments together to create an original sound, with Brandt as the lead vocal.

From recording his latest album in Hungary, to releasing it in New York, Brandt has experienced many venues. He has played in bars and clubs across the country and traveled to Australia and throughout Europe to share his music, but he still enjoys coming to the Northland to play.

"Duluth has a surprisingly strong artistic scene, which is wonderful," he said. "I'm excited about coming up."

The band will be playing from 10:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 23 at the Carmody Irish Pub. It is a free show for ages 21 and up.

## College grad finds 'Other People's Pics'

BY MEGHAN BUTTLER  
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Quick! How many breathtaking, inspiring photos do you have posted on your Facebook? And no, that one of your high score on Guitar Hero doesn't count.

The Web site, OtherPeoplesPics.com, was born with the hope of doing just that. The site looks to expand and improve the quality of photo sharing sites like Flickr and Photobucket.

Co-founder and CEO Stephen Bruning, a recent graduate of Bradley University, said that the site was founded to show students that anyone can be a great photographer and that casual, amateur photography can transcend the typical pictures of parties, spring break and other college staples.

"I would say maybe about 10 to 15 percent of the site's users are photography majors; the rest just

really enjoy it. And that's what it's about—learning to enjoy photography and see things from a different angle," Bruning said.

Bruning started work on the site in his sophomore year of college.

"I worked my ideas into a business plan, and then entered that plan into a contest the school was having. It won, and that definitely helped us get where we are now," he said.

The site didn't have a lot of funding available in its fledgling beginnings, but its unique blend of photo sharing and social networking, as well as its polished approach to everyday photography, soon attracted attention and earned some money.

With enough money now available, the founders of Other People's Pics began touring the United States to promote the site. In Bruning's "grassroots-style marketing plan," the site's promoters visited college campuses across America

to encourage students to take advantage of the new opportunity for creative expression.

"We wanted to create a place where like-minded, creative people could connect through photography. We've found that every member gets their own benefit from the site—people have taken things from it that we didn't even envision. It's great," Bruning said.

The site's growing membership currently consists of over 450 people from all over the world. Users enter their photos into contests on the site and share ideas and opinions with one another in forums and picture comments.

The crew from Other People's Pics plans to make a stop at UMD sometime within the next month. If you are an avid photographer or you'd just like to make your Facebook albums a little more artistic, make sure to seek them out when they arrive.

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if they missed the traditional celebrations of home with family and friends. Almost all of the students said, "yes."

"Some of us go back to visit our

families, so it's not too long," said Tan-atichat. Originally a host student in Bemidji, Minn. for one year of high school, Tan-atichat went back to visit her host family over the break.

Tan-atichat said that the Thai New Year is celebrated in April.

She celebrated last new year with her host family.

"We gather around and eat traditional stuff and ask the elder for health and happiness in the coming year and the elder gives a blessing for the New Year," said Tan-atichat.

Ganenco added that lots of international students hang out with their American friends and roommates' families, too.

While many of these students didn't make a 5,000-mile flight over the break, the time was spent with good food, good fun and friends.

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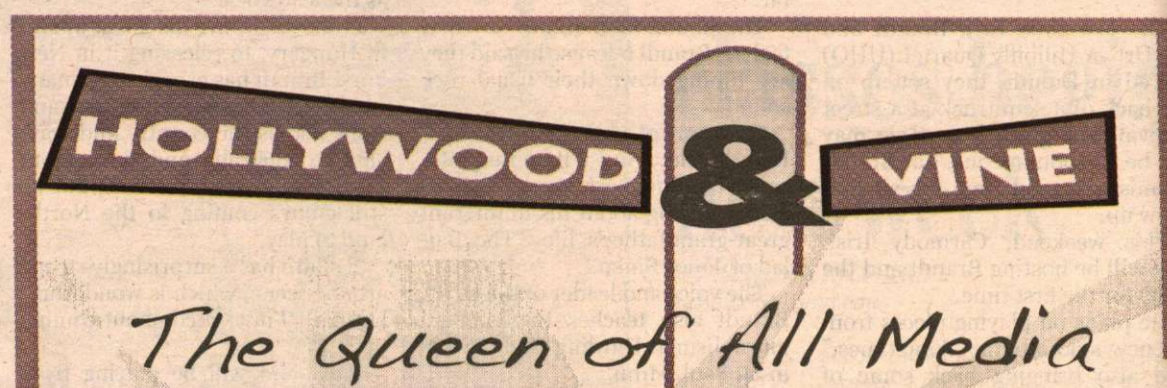
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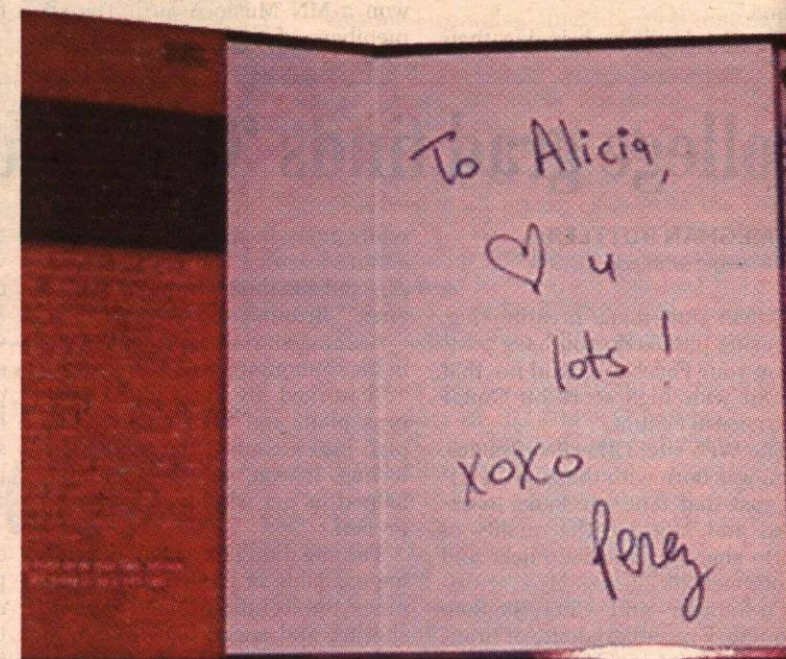
Hey Readers! I hope you had a great winter break and a wonderful start to the 2009 year.

During my break, I had the chance to meet Perez Hilton, self-proclaimed "Queen of All Media," "Gossip Gangster" and "Laptop Samurai," at a book signing at the Mall of America.

His book, "Red Carpet Suicide," is a guide on how to get your 15 minutes of fame by following an aptly named 12-step program on how to become a "Hilton." Perez, formally known as Mario Lavandeira, Jr., is well known for his mega-popular Web site, perezhilton.com, where he doodles on celebrity pictures and makes nasty, but often truthful comments we all wish to make about the lives of the rich and famous.

During the book signing, Hilton spoke of what to look forward to in 2009. The new hot actor to look for is Twilight's, Robert Pattinson. Be sure to watch his career, which includes a new movie called "Little Ashes," where Pattinson plays the role of eccentric Spanish painter, Salvador Dali.

Famous for supporting up-and-coming musicians, Perez Hilton asked for the venue to play Lady Gaga and Katy Perry. The current



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Book signed for Alicia Lebens by Perez Hilton.

popularity of these musical ladies is often attributed to Hilton's promotion on his Web site.

When asked about a highlight of 2008, Hilton responded with, "It was Britney's year." He even dedicated his book to the famous and often infamous pop star.

We watched as Ms. Spears'

personal life did a nosedive and cheered her on during her comeback. As to her upcoming world tour, Perez playfully added, "be careful when buying your tickets. I don't believe she will have what it takes to finish what she started."

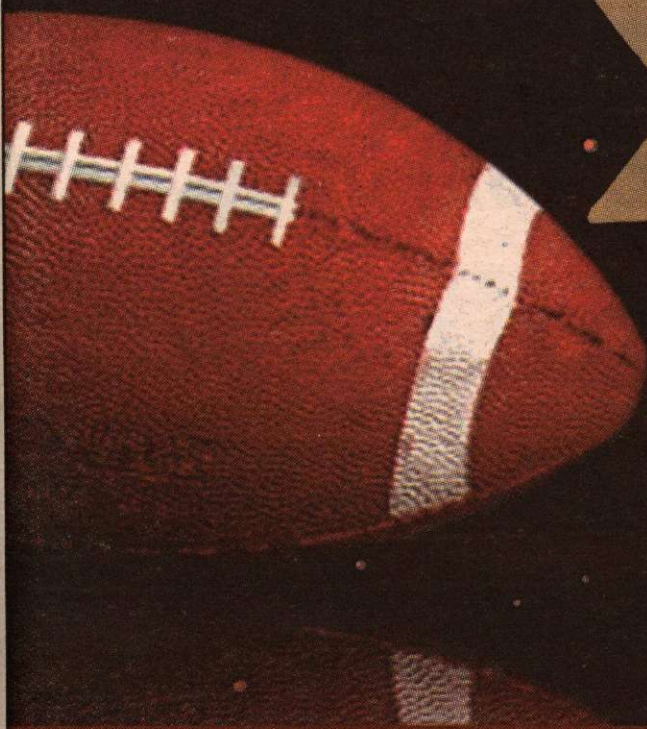
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We live in a fast-paced society. Americans want everything as fast as possible. Americans move fast. Americans think fast. Americans do not like to wait.

Now, with the inauguration of President Barack Obama, it seems many people think the wait is over. All their problems have been solved. The economic crisis is over, and the new president will solve all the problems that plague our country.

Obama has done plenty to dispel the notion that he has a magic cure-all elixir, but it's hard to imagine that everybody is buying his message of cautious optimism. Most people are so excited for the end of the Bush Administration, and all the problems that came with it, that they are overlooking one fact: The turnaround will be a long, slow process.

So what is going to happen when the impatient unemployed are still jobless in six months? Will they turn on Obama? Say he's not doing his job? Or will they be patient?

Obama is in a nearly impossible situation. There is so much hype surrounding his presidency that he is under intense pressure to come up with solutions as fast as possible. The reality, however, is that it will take time for noticeable change to occur. In fact, many economists predict things will get worse before they get better.

How long will people remain patient if 2009 is worse economically than 2008?

Tuesday marked the beginning of the Obama Administration. It marked the beginning of change. Change, however, is a long, slow process and we, as a country, must be patient.

We are coming off eight years of discontent and ready for something new. That doesn't mean that Obama's inauguration was the change; it was merely the beginning of change.

Now is the time to realize that change will come; we just have to wait a little longer.

Eric Johnson

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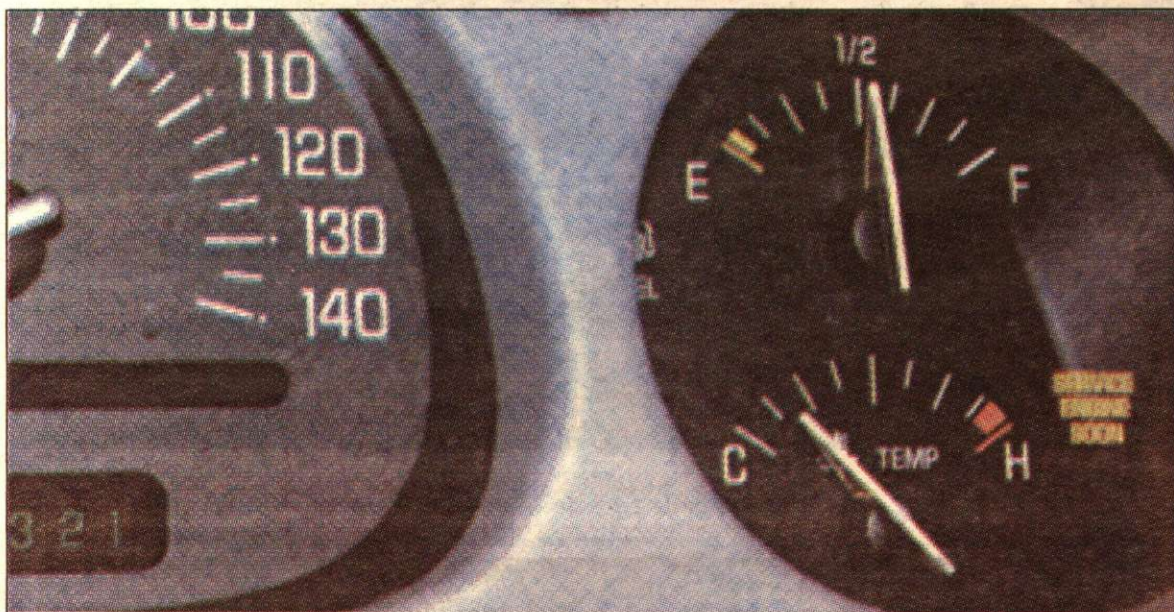
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## Recent spike in car repairs paints bad picture for economy



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**Bad economic conditions are causing more Americans to fix cars instead of buy new ones.**

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According to the Duluth News Tribune's article "Business is up for car repair shops," due to various problems involved with the current economic recession, more car owners in Duluth, as part of a general nationwide trend, are hanging on to the cars they have and putting money into repairs, and less are buying new cars.

Some are doing this because they can afford to pay off a car loan less than they can afford to pay for repairs. Others, because they have no choice due to an inability to get loans. Still others, because they're afraid of the consequences of car dealerships closing.

While this certainly bodes well for the car repair shops and car parts sellers, it's a bad sign first for car dealerships, and second, for the banks that we tried to bail out last year.

With this trend occurring, it can be expected that more car dealer-

ships will be closing, leaving more people without jobs.

In light of an economic recession, it's probably a normal reaction to balk at spending or lending. Many are probably thinking the best idea is to save what they have in order to get by. Paradoxically, however, this will actually make it worse for the economy and, consequently, worse for those individuals.

According to an article on BarackObama.com titled "Barack Obama Announces Plan to Revitalize Economy and Protect American Families," our new President has proposed a \$75 billion plan to stimulate the economy with tax cuts for the middle class, the elderly, homeowners and the unemployed. According to Obama, this could assist these people with making their loan payments (which would, at least in theory, be helpful in light of our current credit problem) and in general getting by.

Certainly this has the potential to help our economy if it has the effect that the Obama administration

hopes. However, those consumers who can spend need to be doing so in order to make sure that things get better for everyone, including themselves. Economic stimulus plans can't do everything for us; we need to be using them as an opportunity to help out on the individual level. That being said, perhaps those who may be able to afford to, but have been afraid to take out car loans, should consider doing so, so that we can slowly rebuild our suffering economy.

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## Senioritis, laziness or charity-worthy condition?

BY STEVE JACOBS  
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As the scent of spring once again wafts through the air (after spending 26 hours in an absolute zero freezer), many find themselves ready for a new semester of productivity. Plans are in action; resolutions have been made; buckledownedness is poised to make an appearance. All of the good intentions flowing from break away from academic advances are free to roam about and drive students to new levels of achievement. (This is especially true for those who spent break working retail and have come to the conclusion that it displays abnormally high amounts of suction.)

But not all are so lucky. Many unfortunate individuals suffer from *Motivatus Insufficius*, or in layperson terms, "senioritis." Much research has been conducted on the condition over the years. Originally discovered in 1792 amongst elder school children. The disease was promptly and harshly removed from the pupils via repeated beatings. It turns out that violence (or the threat of it) was an initial cure for this debilitating condition. Just as penicillin became ineffective against strains of bacteria, it would seem that corporal punishment was no longer a valid treatment when caring dropped to record lows.

Times have changed, and with them, this plucky little disease has adapted to fit its environment. The attitudes of school-aged children have consistently gone downhill; at least that's what every old person I talk to has to say right between, "the clouds are against me" and "get off my lawn!!" After leaving Mr. Jefferson's lawn, I reflected on this idea some. Maybe senioritis is a real disease and not a genius excuse invented by high school seniors (that last phrase can be interpreted in whichever way makes you feel better) right after Senior Skip day, and wearing the same pair of sweat pants for three months.

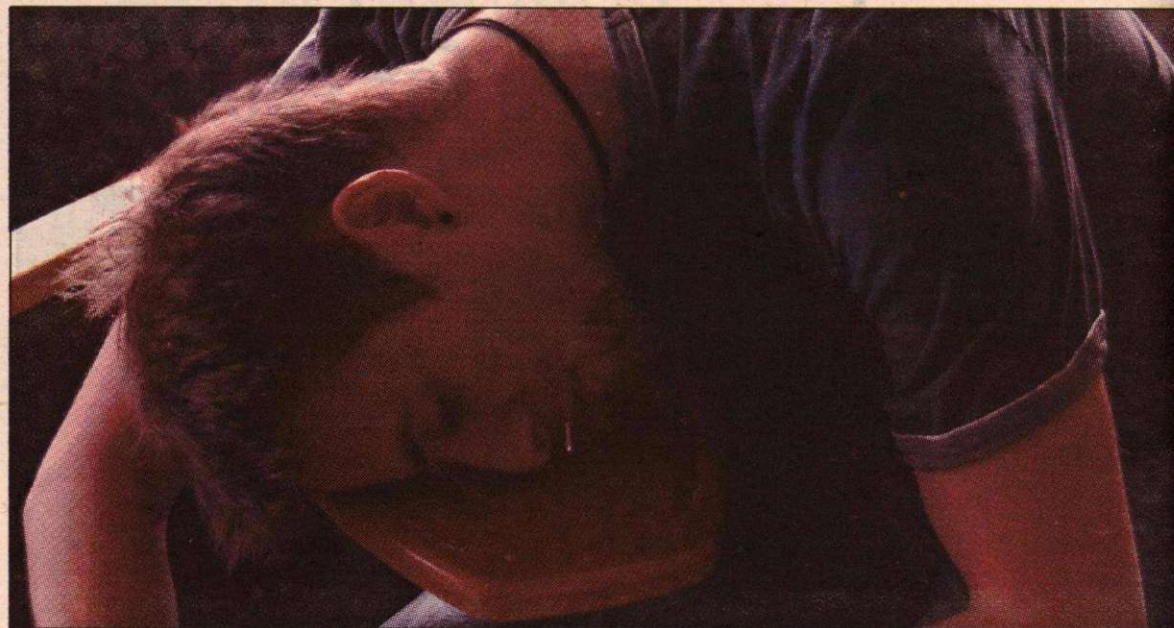
The first bit of proof that it is, in fact, a disease is its appearance amongst more than just the high school set. I am no stranger to pro-

crastination myself and have been accused many times by various individuals of possessing this condition, but have never had the courage to go in and get tested. Through the power of observation, though, I can walk down the halls of UMD and point out at least five individuals with senioritis during any given time.

These diagnoses can be made through the use of simple biology with the help of its red-headed step brother, psychology. When a student is subject to a reduction in motivation, his or her immune system weakens in a manner that allows the senioritis virus in. Upon entering the body, the virus attacks the central concentration cells and uses them to produce enzymes. These enzymes then flow up into the brain and block various neurotransmitters such as productine, which normally aids in homework completion, and brownozine which affects the student's need for positive reinforcement from authority figures.

On top of the symptoms of poor productivity, lack of motivation, general laziness and a peculiar odor, there are other side effects, also, inherent in this disease. The chemical processes undertaken by the senioritis virus consume a great deal of energy and nutrients along with greatly disrupting the body's chemistry. This results in the need for at least 12 to 14 hours of sleep a day for the average patient. In some cases, it also results in an inexplicable attachment to Ultimate Frisbee. All of these symptoms can be found under the senioritis entry in the DSM-IV-TR or (all spelled out) The Manual of Diligently Scrutinizing Mammals IV Text Revision. Please refer to this for further reading.

Keep on the lookout for senioritis, and remember to perform monthly screenings by logging the number of hours of "Family Guy" watched. You can make a difference, and if not, meh, at least you've still got half a bag of Funyuns and the third season of "Curb Your Enthusiasm" to keep you company.



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Dead cells escape the body, innocent victims of senioritis

## TOP TEN

### Top Ten ways to make the best Top Ten ever!

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- 10) Choose a topic everyone is familiar with, such as Italian Spiderman.
- 9) Spelling and grammar is a must.
- 8) Use large, smart sounding, words such as Zaquaxaphi.
- 7) Never make up words!
- 6) Whatever you do, don't cross the streams.
- 5) Topical humor is best two to three years after the fact.
- 4) Repeating the same joke in a different way makes you sound clever.
- 3) You sound smart when you say the same thing twice, It's also great if you're lazy.
- 2) Picture the reader in their underwear (lookin good there, gimme a call baby).
- 1) Cop out and write something disguised as a poorly conceived how-to.



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Dear Real World,

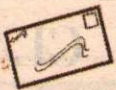
First of all, you scare the shit out of me. I am coming to see you in May, and I am very excited, but nervous at the same time. I have a feeling you might beat me up pretty good, since I haven't had much experience in the mean games that you play. I have been preparing thoroughly for this trip, but I still think that I might need my lucky worry stone and my Superman pj's. I have heard you have been mean the last few years, but I will bring you some cookies, an adorable smile and the best education that the

northern backwoods can provide to have you accept me. So, to make this the best experience for both of us, I think you should just give me some money, a nice boss, maybe a house and a nice job that pays back all of my loans with a company car. That'd be expected of you in order to maintain the best relations.

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Nick

PS - If all goals are not met, a nice car and a season of "Entourage" would be acceptable.



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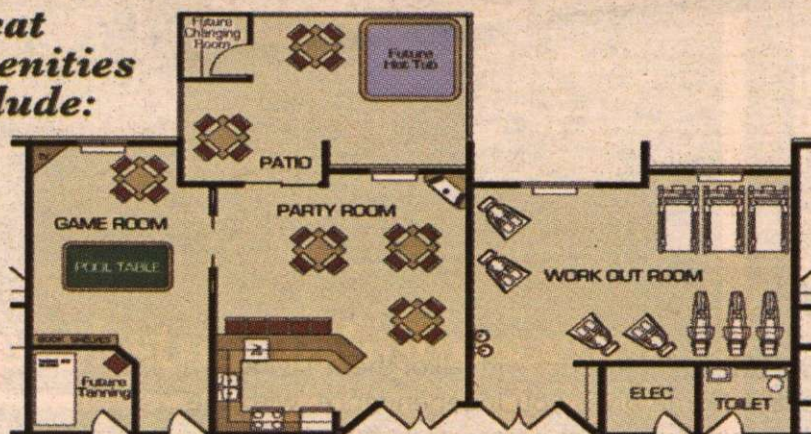
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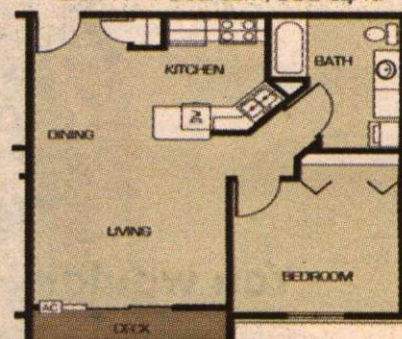
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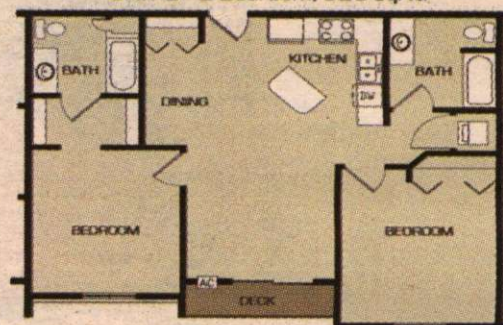
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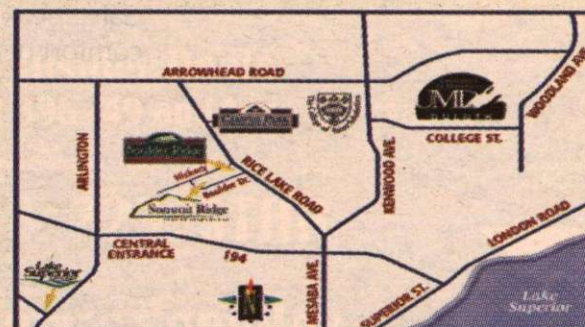
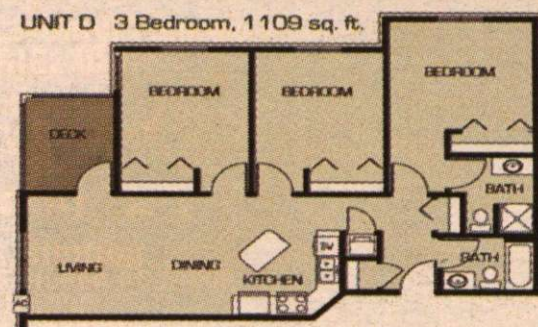
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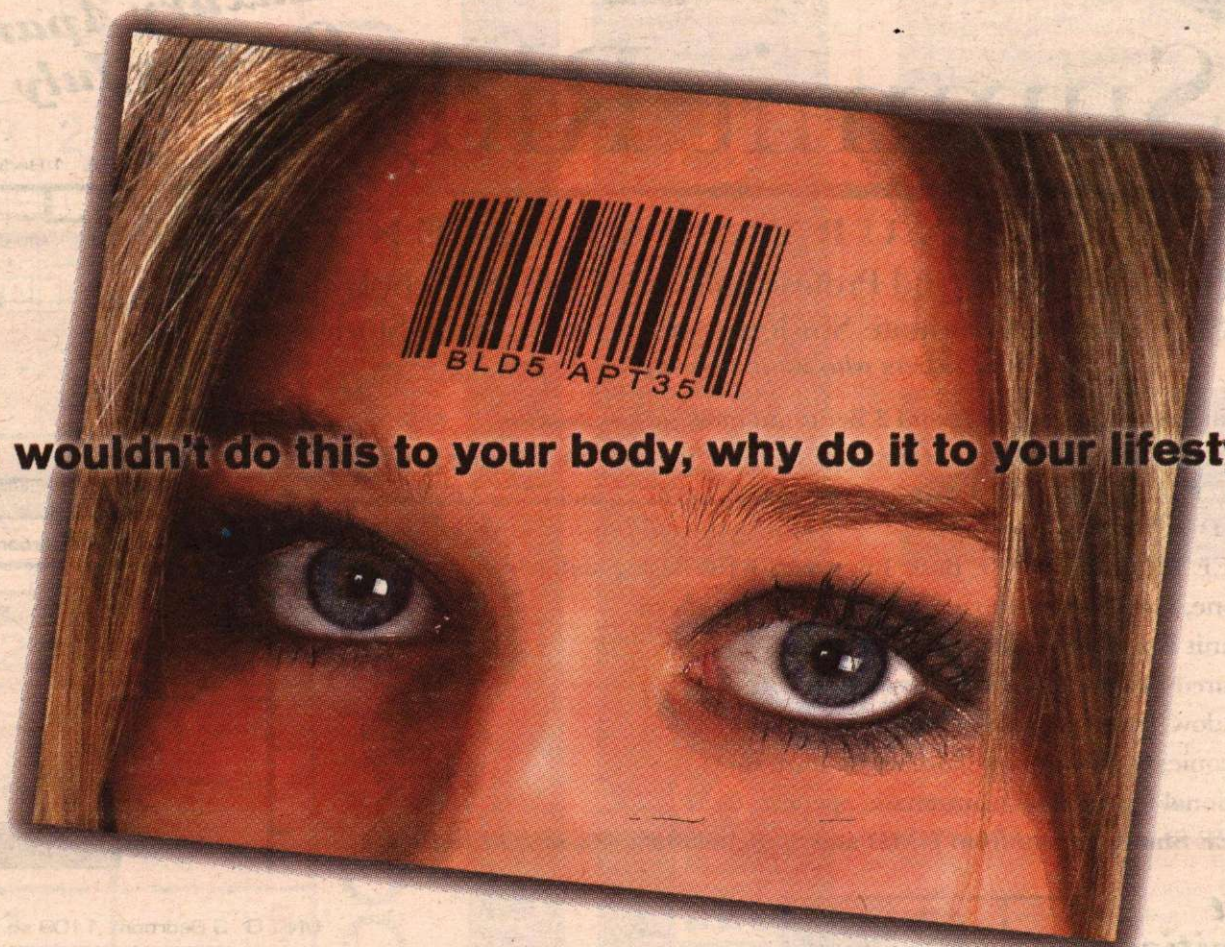


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# Outdoors

## Kick out the cold

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Winter has put its stranglehold on our cars, streets, rivers and lakes, but it doesn't need to suppress your warmth and safety.

I'm sure we can all remember being dressed by our mothers, getting rolled into snowballs of clothing until resembling very small Michelin men waddling through snow like penguins. While we hated being smothered by our mother's apprehension, we stayed warm and safe.

Sophomore Tom Pocrnich has noticed the difference between dressing himself and getting dressed by his mother as a child.

"I do the basics when dressing for the cold," Pocrnich said, "but I never wear long underwear or wool socks like my parents used to make me."

Now that we are able to dress ourselves without the attentive watch of an adult, we bear the responsibility to clothe ourselves well.

Pocrnich has noticed people on campus who are not properly dressed for the elements.

"Most people dress for the weather, but it seems like some people don't see winter clothing as fashionable," Pocrnich said.

Luckily, today's advanced winter clothing can keep us warm while we retain a sense of fashion. Modern clothing is warm but not as bulky, so when we enter the chilling outdoors we no longer have to waddle like penguins.

According to W. L. Gore and Company, there are three main layers to keep in mind before braving the numbing winter weather: the wicking layer, insulation layer and the shell. All layers have their unique importance and should not be ignored.

The wicking layer is one of the most important; it is a breathable layer that wicks sweat away from the body. Keeping sweat away from the skin is vital for retaining heat. When sweat lingers on the skin, it absorbs more body heat. The idea is to keep heat inside, so the wicking layer plays a huge roll in staying warm, even though it is the thinnest and seemingly most unimportant layer.

When searching for a wicking layer, stay away from wool. Wool is not a very breathable fabric and it can irritate the skin. Instead, look for a polypropylene or Gore-Tex under-layer. Polypropylene and Gore-Tex are breathable fabrics that wick sweat away very well.

The insulation layer is the second layer and equally important. While the wicking layer wicks sweat and heat, the insulation layer keeps the heat close to the body. Wool does not perform well for wicking sweat, but it is a great option for insulation. So when deciding what to wear for insulation, a fleece jacket or pullover is ideal.

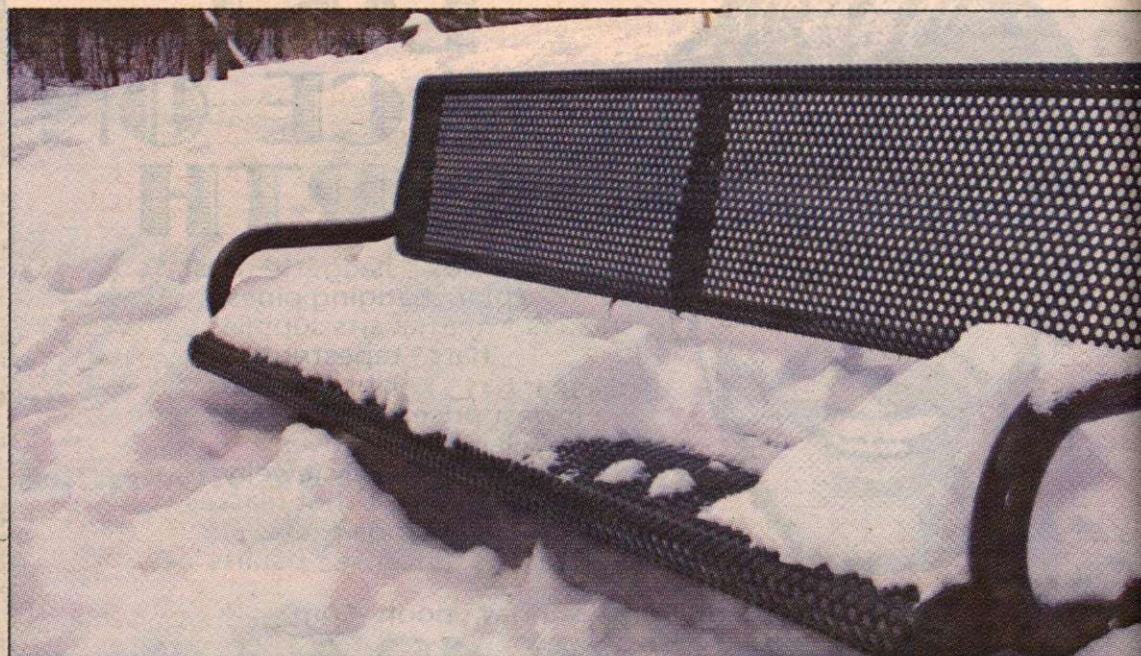
You're probably starting to feel nice and warm, but the layering is not complete yet. A shell is necessary for keeping the biting wind and precipitation from working its way toward your skin. When searching for a shell, you want to look for a winter jacket that is both wind and waterproof. Keeping the elements out will help keep the heat in.

When the cold sets in, your body's first reaction is to protect its organs, so most of the blood is concentrated toward the core. Since the core receives the bulk of blood flow, your fingers and toes will become cold very fast, which is why it is important to find a good pair of gloves, boots and socks.

Cold fingers are a hassle; they lose feeling and don't bend with ease. So find a good pair of gloves. Any waterproof material with a good lining works well. Mittens are a better choice than gloves because your fingers stay close together, sharing heat and working as a unit to stay warm.

Lets face it; slip-on shoes accompanied with plain white socks just won't protect your feet against the cold. Protecting your feet from the cold is very similar to protecting your body. You want to follow the same three layering steps: wicking, insulation and shell. Wear two pairs of socks, one polypropylene pair that wicks away sweat and a thick wool pair that insulates your feet but also breathes well. Finally, find a good pair of waterproof boots that are also breathable. They should

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## Chester Creek in the winter

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During the thawing months of spring, Chester Creek runs rampant, roaring as it weaves through its rocky confines. But for now, it hides. It hides below a layer of ice and a foot of snow. It hides from the sun, and the warmth of its scarce winter rays. It's the one time of year that you can jump into the creek without making a splash. The one time of the year you can walk above the current as it sweeps beneath you. And while you walk with the

creek, there are many mundane sites to see. There are trees, jetting out from the creek-side rocks, with snow piling on their branches. Their branches bear the weight of the snow, praying for a wind or a soft breeze to lift the burden. And there is a bench, on which a pile of snow sits patiently, waiting for a few spring rays to deliver it to the creek. But for now, the fatigued winter trickle of the Chester hides.



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senior Josh Meyers and Connolly.

In the second, sophomore Justin  
Fontaine scored the third Bulldog  
goal, the score now 3-0. Although  
the Beavers were able to get two  
shots past Stalock, Connolly put the  
final nail in the coffin for Bemidji

and sealed the win for UMD, giving  
the Bulldogs the 4-2 victory and  
sweep.

UMD will host Minnesota State  
Mankato this weekend at the DECC.  
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# The Average Guy



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The year 2008 could not end fast enough for fans cheering for Minnesota sports teams. They probably feel like the Norm Coleman of fandom, having experienced great victories and anticipated great things ahead only to see victories dissipate right before their very eyes. Regrettably, sports fans have no legal recourse to take against the teams that have let them down or the opportunity to persuade a court to overturn the results of events.

Overall, Minnesota's sports teams enjoyed success this season, but this success led to high hopes that were dashed away in the blink of an eye.

The Wild streaked into the post-season after winning the division for the first time in the team's history, and were selected as a dark horse candidate to win the Stanley Cup by several prognosticators. Riding a wave of optimism and levels of fan support unseen before in the state of hockey, the Wild were unceremoniously dumped in the first round of the playoffs by the Colorado Avalanche. Now the franchise appears to be in disarray as star players can't seem to leave town fast enough, and the team is rumored to be shopping its star player Marion Gaborik.

The Twins surprised all of us by competing for a Division Title late in the season, and had the chance to make playoffs in the final weeks before the big games. However, the Twins lost two of three to the lowly Kansas City Royals in that weekend finale and then suffered an excruciating 1-0 loss to the hated Chicago White Sox in a one-game playoff to miss the big show. Little has been done this off-season to improve.

The Vikings got off to a rocky start before riding the Gus (Frerotte) Bus back to prominence, turning the reigns back over to the abysmal Tavaris Jackson. T-Jack showed glimmers of brilliance and lifted the expectations of Vikings fans by leading the team to its first Division Title since 2001. In the playoffs, the Vikings defense held down the Philadelphia Eagles for the major-

ity of the game, but the offense led by T-Jack was inept for the whole game. Questions about the competency of head coach Brad Childress have been swirling around the state, and it appears that the Vikings are searching for a capable signal caller to play quarterback next year in the hopes that a new passer will lead the Vikings to the Super Bowl, a destination which is a reasonable expectation given the talent on the roster.

And the Timberwolves ... well do the Timberwolves even still play? The last time I tuned in it looked like the janitorial staff and a handful of fans were at the game. Which begs the question, much like the tree in the forest that falls that nobody hears, if the Timberwolves play and nobody watches, do they really play at all?

Last, but not least, the Gophers football team sprinted out to a 7-1 start and a Top 25 Ranking for the first time in years. Minneapolis was abuzz with talks of a New Year's Day Bowl Game and media pundits were anointing Tim Brewster the greatest thing since sliced bread. But the Gophers managed to lose their last six games of the season, including an irrelevant bowl game sponsored by a computer company played in some non-descript warm location. Though with another top recruiting class coming in, the Gophers may be able to play in a bowl game next year that isn't sponsored by some faddy Internet company.

Even though many of our sports teams have taken us to the brink of ecstasy, only to leave us looking to the skies for some explanation of their collapse from the sporting gods, there have been some successes, as we in Duluth should know. The UMD Women's Hockey team won yet another national title, which apparently has become so commonplace that there was little fanfare or recognition for this momentous feat.

And of course, almost all of us are aware that the UMD Football team won the Division II National Championship.

Finally, the Minnesota men's basketball team has regained prominence under the guidance of the great Tubby Smith, who is earning every penny of the paycheck, which makes him the highest paid state employee.

In the final assessment 2008, it appears to be another season in which sports fans in Minnesota were able to reaffirm their belief that there is a hex on their beloved teams. All too often we are waiting for the other shoe to drop, for

the team to make the blunder that will cost them the game and we, the fans, our temporary sanity.

The year 2008 was just like almost every other year in Minnesota sports history; our underdog teams fought the good fight, showed that they could beat or hang with the larger market or more prestigious teams, gave fans statewide hope, and then succumbed to defeat or imploded in magnificent fashion. I really have started to wonder why it surprises us, Minnesotans, anymore because unlike the results of an election changing after Election day, Minnesota sports teams seem to build and crush our dreams of glory each and every year.

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entertained at the March of Dimes and even had a Maroon Loon reading club at local elementary schools.

"When you're under five, lets face it; you have no interest in hockey at the games. So I tried to cater to the kids a lot," Moren said.

The Loon became so popular among families at men's hockey games that Moren estimated about 20 season ticket holders attended his wedding.

So with all of the popularity and success the Maroon Loon has experienced in the past, why has he been largely absent from home games in recent seasons?

One reason is that Moren, the last full-time Loon, retired from his duties in 2005 (except for a few special appearances). He moved to the Twin Cities in 2001 and spent the last three years driving up for every home game.

"With the cost of gas, I just couldn't afford to do it," he said. "UMD would comp me tickets, but free tickets don't pay for gas."

And with its' apparent popular-

ity, many people await his return, including UMD Sports Information Director Bob Nygaard.

"I'm certainly for it," he said.

However, Nygaard suggests that the next Maroon Loon would need to be a non-student volunteer because of the multi-season commitment.

Despite the case for a new Maroon Loon, Haedrich lamented that it might be a thing of the past.

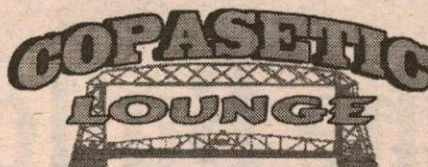
"Back in the day UMD hockey was the deal ... you had the Watsons, the Christensens, and Hulls ... it was a different era," he said.

Haedrich went on to say he would love to see the return of our beloved mascot but "the right person would have to take over for the Maroon Loon to be what it once was."

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Freshman Jack Connolly takes a shot on Bemidji State goaltender Matt Dalton.

## MEN'S HOCKEY

# A sweep for the Bulldogs

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The Bulldogs hosted the Bemidji State Beavers last weekend, excelling with an easy sweep.

Senior Michael Gergen started off the offense for the Dogs on Friday night, scoring at 11:01 in the first. He also scored later in the third period for his fifth goal of the season, according to the UMD Web site.

Gergen wasn't the only one scoring for UMD on Friday night—freshman Jack Connolly scored a power-play goal in the second period to make the score 3-0.

Bemidji did manage to get two goals past the stellar junior goaltender, Alex Stalock, but the Dog's stellar defense disallowed any chance of a tie and nabbed the 3-2 win.

Senior MacGregor Sharp kicked off the scoring on Saturday and the goals kept coming. He scored his second goal off a power play, with assists from



Senior Andrew Carroll charges towards a face off.

## Beloved mascot absent from UMD hockey games

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Have you ever seen anyone ice skate on stilts? How about our state bird skating on stilts? If you were a student at UMD in the 1980's or 1990's, there is a good chance you did. Although it has only been a few seasons since the Maroon Loon was retired as the men's hockey mascot, the lovable bird and its crazy antics are largely unknown to today's student population.

"My goal wasn't necessarily the cheerleading aspect, but more to entertain," said Brian Haedrick, the Maroon Loon mascot from 1984-1990 and 1996-99. "Every game I tried to think of something new and different to entertain the fans, and it worked well for me."

Over the years, the Maroon Loon performed a laundry list of stunts: some hilarious, some dangerous, but all were unique.

The most famous of these stunts was the Loon's ability to skate on stilts around the ice. The stilts, which put the Loon's head near the top of the plexi-glass surrounding the ice, were homemade by simply attaching a reinforced pole to a hockey boot. Other memorable skits included the Loon bringing a hot tub full of ladies onto the ice during intermission and sledding down the stairs of the student section on his belly.

The Loon's roots go back to the early 1980's when he was created by members of the Blue Line Club, a

booster organization for the men's hockey program. It was an instant hit with Duluth hockey fans due to its ability to amuse the crowds at the DECC.

During the 1990's, a large water gun became a part of the Loon's arsenal, and he would douse opposing team's fans if they got too rowdy.

This prank led to the infamous "Maroon Goon" incident, in which three inebriated Gophers fans tried to steal the gun and assault our mascot in the stands of the DECC. It ended with the Gopher fans going downtown in the back of cop car, with a few new bruises to boot.

"I did get some pretty good licks in," said Chad Moren, former Maroon Loon mascot and Marine Corps veteran.

A group of UMD students have been spotted sporting their Maroon Loon jerseys at home games this season, serving as another testament to the Loon's legacy.

Kyle Berg, a junior at UMD, wanted a unique jersey to show his passion for Bulldogs hockey, so he and his friends had Maroon Loon jerseys custom-made at a shop in Cloquet.

"The Maroon Loon is without a doubt the best mascot in college hockey," Berg said.

Over the years, the Maroon Loon became involved in many community events and programs. He showed up at a variety of local youth hockey tournaments,